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1. ON APRIL 19 I MET WITH PRIME MINISTER NORDLI TO DISCUSS SUBJECTS HE PLANNED TO RAISE WITH THE PRESIDENT AT NATO SUMMIT MEETING IN LONDON MAY 10. NORDLI SAID HE WAS VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO HAVING OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH THE PRESIDENT. HE SAID HE REALIZED PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE IN LONDON WILL BE TIGHT--AS WILL NRDLI'S -- BUT HE APPRECIATED CHANCE TO SEE THE PRESIDENT IF ONLY BRIEFLY TO EXCHANGE VIEWS WITH HIM. NORDLI SAID HE PLANNED TO BREAK AWAYFROM IMPOR TANT LABOR PARTY NATIONAL CONVENTION TO COME TO LONDON BECAUSE HE

THINKS IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FOR THE LEADERS OF ALLIANCE COUNTRIES TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR SOLIDARITY IN NATO BY ATTENDING SUMMIT.

2. PRIME MINISTER SAID HE WANTED TO PRESENT TO THE PRESIDENT SOME GENERAL AND SPECIFIC NORWEGIAN VIEWS ABOUT THE NORTHERN FLANK, THE STRATEGIC AREA WHERE NATO/NORWEGIAN AND SOVIET INTERESTS INTERSECT. HE SAID IMPORTANCE AND DELICACY OF RELATIONS IN THIS AREA REQUIRE CONTINUED U.S. UNDERSTAND-
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ING AND SUPPORT. I REITERATED THAT U.S. POLICY IN THIS AREA WAS TO SEEK TO KEEP TENSIONS LOW, WHILE SUPPORTING NORWEGIAN SOVEREIGNTY ON SVALBARD AND PROVIDING U.S. SUPPORT GENERALLY TO NORWAY IN THEIR RELATIONS WITH THE USSR. NORDLI SAID HE APPRECIATED THIS AND FOUND IT VERY HELPFUL TO KNOW THAT THE U.S. STANDS BEHIND NORWAY THERE.

3. NORDLI SAID HE ALSO PALNNED TO EMPHASIZE TO THE PRESIDENT THE IMPORTANCE HE SEES FOR WESTERN DEMOCRACY IN A SOUND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RECOVERY. IF THE COUNTRIES IN THE "FRONT RANK" OF WESTERN EUROPE HAVE PROTRACTED ECONOMIC PROBLEMS-ESPECIALLY UNEMPLOYMENT- HE BELEIVES THAT THIS WILL CONSTITUTE A SERIOUS THREAT TO THEIR DEMOCRATIC SOCIETIES. IT IS ESSENTIAL FOR THE PROTECTION OF DEMOCRATIC SOCIETY AND IDEALS THAT THEIR PROPLE FEEL SECURE ABOUT THEIR SOCIAL WELFARE, HE FEELS. HE STATED THAT "THE PROTECTION OF DEMOCRACY IS MAINLY A QUESTION OF ECONOMIC STABILITY AND FULL EMPLOYMENT." HE UNDERScoreD THE IMPORTANCE OF GOOD RELATIONS AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN THE U.S. AND WESTERN EUROPE TO SUCH STABILITY.

4. NORDLI SAID HE WOULD ALSO MENTION A RELATED BILATERAL ISSUE-U.S. SHIPPING POLICY. THOUGH NORDLI CONSIDERS ECONOMIC RECOVERY A MORE SIGNIFICANT ISSUE TO EUROPE AND THE FREE WORLD AS A WHOLE, THE HEALTH OF THE SHIPPING INDUSTRY IS VERY IMPORTANT TO NORWAY. HIS SPECIFIC WORRY IS THE PRESENT U.S. OIL CARGO PREFERENCE LEGISLATION AND THE HARM IT WOULD CAUSE TO A MAJOR SEGMENT OF THE NORWEGIAN ECONOMY-ONE ALREADY IN SEVERE DIFFICULTY DUE TO A WORLD-WIDE OVERSUPPLY OF TANKER TONNAGE. I REMINDED THE PRIME MINISTER THAT THE PRESIDENT HAD SPOKEN OUT IN SUPPORT TO THE NEED FOR ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND STABILITY AND THAT HE WAS GENERALLY RESISTING MOUNTING PRESSURE FOR TRADE PROTECTIONISM. I POINTED OUT THAT THE ADMINISTRATION IS STILL FORMULATING CONFIDENTIAL

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ITS POSITION ON THE LEGISLATION. I NOTED TOO THAT I HAD BEEN IN CONTACT WITH CONCERNED GON MINISTERIES ABOUT THE ADMINISTRATIONS INITIATIVES ON MARINE OIL POLLUTION AND SAFETY AND THAT WE HOPED FOR CONTINUED SUPPORT ON THESE PROGRAMS.

5. NORDLI CONCLUDED THIS PORTION OF OUR MEETING BY SAYING THAT IF TIME PERMITS HE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO DISCUSS WITH THE PRESIDENT NORWAY'S VIEWS ON THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE AND REPORT ON THE EXPERIENCES AND GOOD CONTACTS THAT THE SO-CALLED LIKE-MINDED NATIONS HAVE HAD WITH SOME OF THE LDCS. HE BELEIVES THAT THE WAY THE LIKE-MINDED GORUP HAVE LOOKED AT SUCH QUESTIONS AS THE RAW MATERIAL FUND WOULD BE OF INTEREST TO THE PRESIDENT. HE MIGHT ALSO INFORM THE PRESIDENT ABOUT THE GON'S PREPARATIONS OF COMPREHENSIVE REPORTS TO PARLIAMENT ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND DISARMAMENT.

6. COMMENT: NORDLI CLEARLY ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE NATO SUMMIT ITSELF AND TO HAVING A CHANCE TO MEET

WITH THE PRESIDENT THERE. HE UNDERSTANDS THEAT
THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE WILL BE VERY TIGHT. I BELEIVE
THIS MEETING WILL BE VERY USEFUL IN FORWARDING U.S.
FOREIGN POLICY OBJECTIVES IN NORWAY.
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